SI.No.	Districts	Number of Exchanges
22.	Osmanabad	82
23	Parbhani	57
24.	Hingoli	44
25	Pune	210
26.	Raigad	136
27.	Ratnagiri	162
28.	Sangli	311
29.	Satara	207
30.	Sindhudurg	99
31	Solapur	**235**
32.	Wardha	71
33.	Yeotmal	100
	TOTAL	4241

Funds collected from telecom operators

†1655. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Universal Obligation Fund has been created by charging 5 per cent amount from telecom operators from their annual turnover;

(b) if so, the total amount deposited in the said fund till June, 2006; and

(c) the average amount deposited in the said fund during each of the recent years and an average amount being spent annually?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Universal Service Obligation (USO) levy is collected @ 5% of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) of all telecom service providers except the pure value added service providers like Internet, Voice Mail, E-mail, Service Providers, etc. This levy is deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India. Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is funded through budgetary allocation with approval of the Parliament

(b) Total amount collected as USO levy is Rs. 10,886.58 crore till June, 2006. Total amount credited into USOF through budgetary allocation is Rs. 5081.44 crore till June, 2006.

(c) The average amount deposited in USOF during each of the years and average amount being spent annually from 2002-03 to 2005-06 come to Rs. 895.36 crore.

Increasing incidents of hacking computer system

†1656. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the incidents of hacking of computer system in the country,

(b) whether banks and other institutions are likely to suffer heavy loss as a result thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken and proposed to be taken by Government to check such practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) With the greater use of computers, a general increase in hacking has been noticed worldwide. In India also a similar trend has been observed While there are recognized security

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